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- 25X1 1. Beginning on 29 September, motorized columns of Soviet troops have been moving up to the railroad stations at Neuruppin, Altruppin, Darsikow, Netzeband and Fretzdorf, in order to be loaded on trains. The units moved in from the north, with the majority coming from the Forst Zechin-Neuendorf-Glienicke area, and the remainder from the Wittstock region. The total number comprised about 10,000 officers and enlisted men, equipped with weapons and vehicles, including about 240 T-34 tanks, and undetermined numbers of three-axled armored personnel carriers, BA-64 armored cars, 122-mm field howitzers, 76.2-mm M 42 anti-tank guns, 85-mm anti-aircraft guns, 120-mm mortars, and motorcycles with sidecars. There also were about 1,000 other vehicles, such as radio, tank, repair and other-type trucks and jeeps.

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3. Since the Reichsbahn had not been able to assemble sufficient rolling stock for so large a movement of personnel and equipment, some units had to await transportation in the Neuruppin Forest, where they camped at both sides of a highway called Wittstocker Chaussee. The Neuruppin-Wittstock road was completely gutted with troops and equipment, and was closed to normal traffic.
4. About 800 men were loaded on three or four trains at the Altruppin station, and left in the direction of Loewenberg [REDACTED] 1 October. The trains also carried the following equipment:

25X1 30 T-34 tanks with obscured numbers
24 122-mm field howitzers
25X1 20 Three-axled armored personnel carriers
6 BA-64 armored cars
25X1 approximately 100 trucks [REDACTED]
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5. Also on 1 October, 2,000 men with black/red epaulets departed from Neuruppin towards Loewenberg and Wittstock. Between eight and twelve trains left the station with Soviet troops and equipment. The latter included the following:

25X1 30 T-34 tanks [REDACTED]
25X1 15 three-axled armored personnel carriers [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
25X1 6 BA-64 armored cars
16 120-mm mortars
30 82-mm mortars
12 85-mm anti-aircraft guns
12 trucks with automatic anti-aircraft guns
20 radio trucks
20 mobile workshops
20 tank trucks
30 motorcycles with sidecars
250 trucks, 50 of which carried engineers' equipment

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